THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (c) No final decision has been taken to reduce the strength of the Directorate of Field Publicity.

Export of radio-active caesium milk powder by EEC

739. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the BBC and German T.V. reports of October 10, 1987 according to which Radio-active caesium 137 milk powder was exported by the EEC and Czechoslovakia to Ghana and to some other countries; and

(b) if so, whether Government have ensured that milk powder received from the EEC countries by India is free of pollution caused by Chernobyl disaster?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Facts are being ascertained.

Advertisements given by DAVP

740. SHRIMATI KRISHNA KAUL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total value of advertisements given by the DAVP to small newspapers during the years 1985-86 and so far in 1987; and

(b) what was the total value of advertisements given to big newspapers in the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) The total value of advertisements given by DAVP to small and big newspapers is as under:—

Year	Small	Big
	(in Rs.)	(in Rs.)
1985-86	76,30,536	2,43,75,551
1986-87	1,05,68,569	4,05,93,226
1987 88 (Apr l June)	22,00,451	1,27,13,671

Norms for sanction of Central Assistance for Natural Calamities

741. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI M. KADHARSHA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of States which were affected by the natural calamities like floods and drought in the year 1986-87;

(b) whether Government have prepared any plan to check these calamities for the current year in the light of calamities during 1986-87;

(c) if so, the details thereof, and if not the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether any inter-Ministerial Committee was set-up in this regard to form norms for Central assistance, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A Statement showing the names of the States affected by drought and flood is given at Statement-I [*See* below].

(b) and (c) The Government have prepared an action plan to meet the situation arising out of drought and floods. A copy of the action plan is given at Statement-II. [*See* below].

(d) No Committee has been set up during this year for revising the norms for Central assistance.